GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3307
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PERFORMANCE OF ESI HOSPITALS DISPENSARIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently reviewed the performance and working conditions/services rendered by ESI hospitals/dispensaries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government are considering any proposals for improvement in the services rendered by ESI hospitals/dispensaries in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof in terms of specialised services proposed to be provided?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government in 1998 constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri S.R. Satyam. The Committee submited its report on 14.1.1999. Most of the recommendations of the Committee have been accepted by the Government and are at different stages of implementations.

The recommendations of the Committee such as enhancing the ceiling on medical care for Insured Persons to Rs.600/- per annum, issue of identify cards to insured persons, creation of posts in the medical scheme as per ESI norms, enhancing of inhouse capabilities to minimise referrals to other institutions and recommendation relating to purchase of medicines have been accepted.

Further, recommendations like parity of medical officers of ESI Scheme with their counterparts in the general health services in all respects and other miscellaneous recommendation for improving the working conditions/services rendered by ESI hospitals/dispensaries have been approved.

(c) & (d): The Employees` State Insurance Corporation has formulated Action Plans to modernize ESI Hospitals/Dispensaries during 1998-99, 1999-2000 & 2000-2001 and equipments worth Rs.45.61 crore have been sanctioned under these Action Plans.

The ESIC has adopted several other measures for improvement in Medical services such as setting up one Model Hospital in each State to provide complete secondary care treatment, setting up of a Revolving fund in each state for speedy transfer of funds for Super Speciality treatment and implementation of a Project for control of HIV/AIDS for ESI beneficiaries through setting up of STD Clinics Blood Banks etc.